THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) to (c) As per information furnished by Government of Madhya Pradesh, communal riot broke out in Indore on 3.7.2008 during the observance of 'Bharat bandh' called by Vishwa Hindu Parishad on the issue of land transfer to Sri Amnarnath Shrine Board in Jammu and Kashmir. The State Government has informed that during the riot, 8 persons were killed and 64 persons, including 20 policemen, were injured.

The State Government has further informed that 95 criminal cases were registered and 151 persons were arrested, of which 46 were arrested in cases of riot, assault and other offences and 105 were arrested in cases under section 188 IPC.

Lack of boats for patrolling coastal areas

1773. SHRI KANJIBHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the sensitive coastal areas between Jakhau and Medi are not effectively covered under patrolling by the Coast Guards/BSF Water Wing because of lack of suitable boats;

(b) if so, the concrete remedial steps taken by the Central Government in this regard;

(c) whether the State Government has submitted a proposal for strengthening these areas; and

(d) if so, what is the status of the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI RADHIKA V. SELVI): (a) to (d) The seaward area between Jakhau and Medi comes under the operational jurisdiction of Coast Guard. Regular patrolling of the area is carried out by the Coast Guard by deploying their Ships and Air cushion vessels.

A comprehensive Coastal Security Scheme, formulated in consultation with all concerned agencies, including coastal States and Union Territories, was approved in 2005 and it is under implementation in nine coastal States and four Union Territories, including Gujarat. Under this scheme, 10 coastal police stations, 25 check-posts and 46 out-posts, equipped with 20 jeeps, 101 motorcycles and 30 patrolling boats (20 Nos. 12 Ton boats and 10 Nos. 5 Ton boats), have been approved for Gujarat.

Suspected Bangladeshis based in Lucknow

†1774. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken note of the fifty thousand suspected Bangladeshi infiltrators based in Lucknow;

(b) whether Government is aware that these suspected Bangladeshis call themselves Assamese and live here illegally by engaging themselves in the junk and other business to act as the sleeping modules for terrorists; and

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.